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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-416/97-01 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Hagan:

An NRC inspection was conducted March 3-7, 1997, at your Grand Gulf Nuclear Station reactor facility. The inspection evaluated your implementation of the requirements of 10 CFR 50.65, "Requirements for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants" [the Maintenance Rule]. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection. Following the inspection, an exit meeting was held to provide the inspection findings to your staff.

The team concluded that you have developed and implemented a program that meets 10 CFR 50.65, with a few exceptions noted. One violation of NRC requirements was identified for the failure to have adequate monitoring requirements for the availability of the instrument air system.

The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding this violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence should be adequate. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description herein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



Arthur T. Howell, III, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
50-416/97-01

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